GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7096
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2002
FENCING OF BORDER
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH;VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether border fencing along Bangladesh border in North 24-Pargana District of West Bengal is being done in an improper manner;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any reports in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether as a result of this fencing, thousands of people from Bongoan and Bagda would be shifted to Bangladesh; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. Border fencing work along the Bangladesh Border is undertaken only after proper assessment and survey of the area. Fencing is generally constructed at a distance of 150 yards from the International Border and wherever villages fall between the zero line and the fencing, gates have been provided for the use of the residents of such villages. Security fencing along Bongaon and Bagda has not yet been taken up.